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Assistant to the Director
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Washington, D.C. 20505

Sir:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) as recently amended and your agency's implementation statement on page 10759, number 140, volume 32 of the *Federal Register* (July 21, 1967), I request declassification of and access to any files your agency may have about the Galíndez case of the late 1950's.

In very brief, Jesús de Galíndez was a lecturer in government and Spanish at Columbia University who was kidnapped in Manhattan on March 12, 1956, by agents of the Trujillo regime, drugged, driven to a small Long Island airport, and thence flown to the Dominican Republic, where he was murdered. Dr. Galíndez' disappearance remained unsolved until a young American pilot working for the Compañía Dominicana de Aviación, Gerald L. Murphy, vanished in Ciudad Trujillo on December 3, 1956. The ensuing investigation of Murphy's disappearance by the Department of State, aided by your agency, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation gradually revealed that Murphy had unwittingly flown Dr. Galíndez to the Dominican Republic as a "cancer patient," slowly realized the reality of his mission, talked too much, and had been liquidated himself. Several other persons died in the case, which became a cause célèbre and created great strains in Dominican-American relations.

The names of persons who figured significantly in the case are: Karl Magnus Torsten Armfelt, Félix W. Bernardino, Minerva Bernardino, Celia Marie (Sally) Caire, María Luisa Caratala, Manuel de Noya Alonso, Arturo R. Espaillat, Ida Espaillat, John Joseph Frank, Jesús de Galíndez Suárez, Félix Martínez Jara (many aliases), William A. Morgan, M.D., Gerald Lester Murphy, Anselmo Paulino Alvarez, Juan Ruperto Raven(s) Holguín, M.D., Oscar Robles Toledano, Sherrill Shaw, Stanley Ross, Horace W. Schmahl, Rafael Soler, Rafael Leonidas Trujillo Molina, and Ana Gloria Viera.

If I do not hear from you by March 4, 1975, ten working days after the effective date of the new Freedom of Information Act amendments, I shall deem my request finally denied.

Sincerely,

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